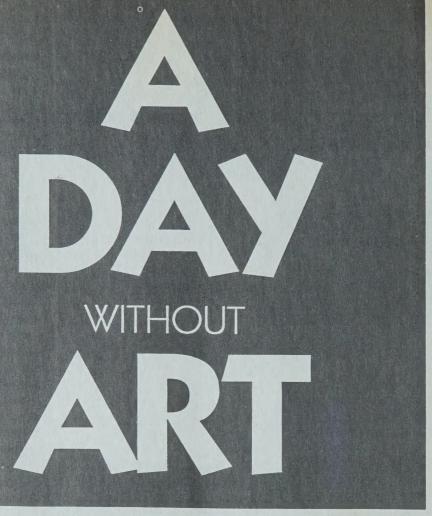
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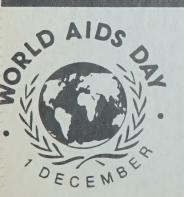
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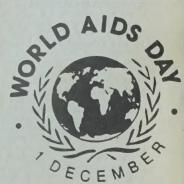


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Dear Editor,

Can anybody tell me why every gay bar in Alberta (even Canada for that matter) seems to consider it is meeting the needs of customers by playing EXCESSIVELY loud music? Why do club owners allow their D.I.s to blast customers' eardrums with recordings over their speaker systems that necessitates shouting at each other by the bar's patrons? If people were dancing to this music, I would understand. But in most of the bars I frequent, dancing is not taking place; yet the music is blaring. Most of my friends enjoy meeting at a bar to relax and converse over a few drinks. Yet we are doomed to sit there, shouting at one another while the music blasts away for no reason.

Take note, bar owners: when the music becomes unbearably loud, many of us leave for another bar, or for the peace and quiet of our own homes. Requesting that the music be turned down is usually always ignored by the employees, which causes me to question the value that bar owners place on their paying customers. And there are a lot of paying customers out there, bar owners, who neither wish to dance to this excessive music, nor wish to listen to it. Music in the background, O.K. Music in the forefront: "I'm outta here", and so are my friends who have a lot of bucks to spend in your establishment.

Perhaps if enough of us complain, bar policy might change. But for now, it seems like no one is listening. Could it be that bar

owners have gone deaf from their own music?

I prefer only my initials be

F.M. Calgary

(Editor's Response: I think you're definitely in the minority on this one, F.M. It would seem to me that if people wanted elevator music in bars that's what the bars would be playing. Bar owners do pay close attention to what their customers want, but they obviously can't satisfy everyone all the time. — Jim.

AGLP recognizes that there may be several opinions on this topic, and we welcome your comments.)

Dear Editor,

Thank you for October 1991's issue of the AGLP. However, I wish to point out I did not receive it in this month's mail until well after the beginning of the month. In respect to being a paid subscriber, I would appreciate being in receipt of each monthly issue to take advantage of the calender of events. Since I did not receive October's issue until the 11th of October, I had missed out on a couple of functions I would have enjoyed attending had I known about them on time.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter and [hope you will] endeavour to do your best to ensure we subscribers get our future issues as much in advance as possible.

My sincere regards,

Jay Legh Winslow

Calgary

(Editor's Response: AGLP is published by an organization of volunteers; no one is paid for their contributions or work. All of our volunteers have other full time jobs, or are full time students; this limits the time they can contribute here.

After hundreds of hours are spent preparing the magazine for printing, the job is only half over. Distribution across Alberta, and preparing the mailing list (which sends about 400 copies a month around Canada and the U.S.) takes a great deal of time also. Unfortunately, we can't always get the mail out as soon as the magazine arrives from the printers. Part of the October mailing list was also delayed slightly because we did not have the cash required to cover postage. Again, this is something over which we have almost no control.

It is unfortunate you missed events that were on the Events Calendar. Wherever possible, we try to give advance notice by printing future events on the Calendar — Jim.)

Dear Editor,

In response to Keith Purdy's letter [September 1991] regarding the 911 call at Boystown: Metro in August this year, "The Rock Throwing Incident": I certainly concur that the response to a 911 call was extremely unsatifactory, but I cannot believe that the problem was because the emergency was gay establishment.

It is more likely that the call was perceived as less than an

Letters to the Editor

emergency, and crimes in progress were more crucial and needed immediate attention.

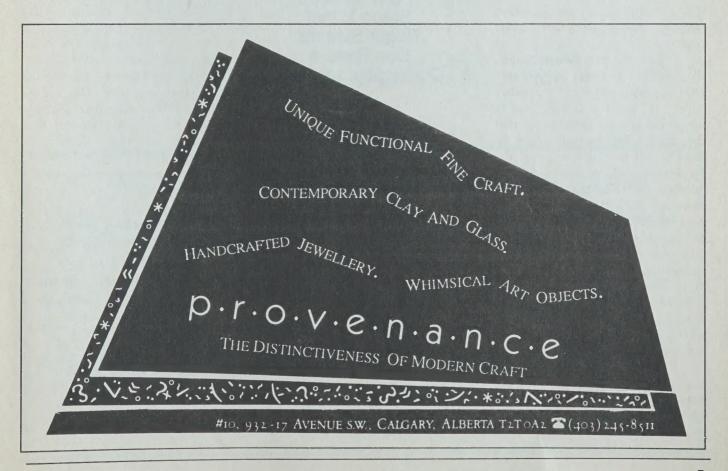
The issue of gay rights is very important to me, as it likely is to Keith Purdy, but I fear that when we assume the worst of the police department, and react the same, that we as a community may be perceived as irrational, radical and difficult to deal with. I don't think that helps the cause. Let's not condemn the police department for discrimination, without just cause.

In response to a request to put pressure on the city to "develop a plan to incorporate gay rights into legislation by the Alberta Human Rights Code"; it is my impression that the city is doing what it can at present and is being supportive of our culture's needs. May I suggest that attention be directed to a provincial level if Alberta's Human Rights Code is to change.

Perhaps concerned individuals should contact their local MLAs for help in reaching politicians at a provincial level. CLAGPAG may also be able to provide useful information.

Sincerely, **Ryan Jacobson** Calgary AGLP welcomes all letters to the editor. Write to us at: Box 20101 Bow Valley RPO, Calgary, Alberta T2P 4H3.

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No Proclamation This Year

By Paul Harris Calgary

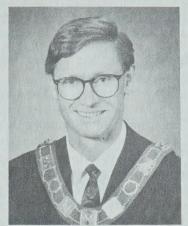
Representatives from AGLP and Speak Sebastian met with Mayor Al Duerr on October 25 to discuss the recent news report in the Calgary Herald which stated City Council will not proclaim another Gay Rights Week in 1992. The first Gay Rights Week was held in June of 1991.

Mayor Duerr confirmed the article which reported him as saying "It was without question the most difficult time I have ever gone through." He added, however, that last year's Gay Rights Week and the furor it triggered has given him "an increased awareness of the hatred facing the gay and lesbian community."

Ted Warwick of The Calgary Lesbian and Gay Political Action Guild (CLAGPAG) commented in response to the *Herald*'s article, "I don't think that it takes a great leap of faith to understand that this is the same kind of hatred that gay and lesbian people feel every day of our lives".

mayor asserted The position by saying, "Without qualification, I still strongly support rights for the community; equal rights before law, rights which they do not presently enjoy... I will continue to support gay rights issues as well as other human rights issues."

Given that Gay Rights Week will not be proclaimed in 1992, the mayor, when asked what vehicle there remains to move gay rights issues forward, responded "I don't exactly know." but affirmed his commitment to assist in public education whenever possible.



Calgary Mayor Al Duerr

Jim Wallace, President of the Calgary Evangelical Ministerial Association was quoted as saying he was pleased the mayor was willing to take a difficult political stand.

Warwick commented "The mayor has been very supportive in the past, but perhaps now is not taking a difficult political stand by siding with the Fundamentalist Christian groups. He may be trying to protect himself politically by taking a middle ground approach. There is a chance that he misunderstands the reason CLAGPAG requested a 'Gay Pride Week' proclamation was primarily to celebrate our cultural diversity".

According to City Council policy, proclamations of any kind are not to be "a divisive or contentious issue within the community, and should not have political overtones." The mayor regretted that "What came out was that many people in the community supported rights, but did not support a proclamation as a vehicle to further rights."

"If you wish further success," said the mayor, "you are going to have to turn the provincial and

federal representatives around." referring to their views on gay rights issues.

He was quite clear that he felt that protests and marches did little to push gay rights issues forward and said "Any perceived negative activity will not have a positive effect.... A good way to proceed is to highlight the similarity between other human rights issues and gay rights issues." citing cases of violence against the gay community.

"In schools, when speaking to students, the question 'Why the gay rights proclamation?' often arises. One of the reasons that I like to speak in schools is because it gives me a great opportunity to explain, the kind of opportunity I don't get in the papers. I get a lot of understanding."

It is expected that during Human Rights Week next year gay and lesbian rights will be addressed along with other human rights issues.

The mayor indicated his hope that the gay and lesbian community would take an active role in the planning of events for that week.

He admitted his mistake in not informing the gay and lesbian community of the council's decision not to proclaim another Gay Rights Week, saying that CLAGPAG and other organizations should have been notified before the information was misrepresented by mainstream media.

Representatives from CLAGPAG were scheduled to meet with Duerr October 28 to further discuss the article and how to proceed with next year's gay pride activities.

Edmonton Organizations Raise Money For AIDS Support

By J. Tyler MacCrimmon Edmonton

On Sunday October 13th, a Black and White Party organized by the AIDS Network Edmonton Society (ANE) was held at Edmonton's Flashback. This non-profit organization Flashback have co-operated in fundraising events for the ANE since its inception in 1985. Flashback is a private club for gay people and their friends which will be celebrating its seventeenth year this November.

For the sixteen-dollar ticket, each guest was presented with a complimentary glass of champagne upon arrival and entertainment throughout the evening. Finger foods donated by the Mayfair Hotel were served at the two intermissions by ANE

volunteers. The bar service was provided by Flashback staff.

The black walls in the club area of Flashback's fabulous new facility, combined with more than 75 white candles (50 lining the back of the stage), provided a backdrop for stunning entertainment. evening's requested attire of "creative black and white" drew imaginative and varied responses from the more than 350 guests in attendance; from a high-heeled, hockey padded Mark Messier groupie to those who simply wore all black or all white.

Entertainment for the evening consisted of classical music, interpretative dance, readings and jazz. All artists participating donated their time in support of the ANE.

The highlights of the evening's

performances were the Brian Webb/Louis Biais dance 'Everything', Mary Howes reading her peotry, Atomic Improv and the dynamic P.J. Perry Quartet featuring Big Miller.

"Everything", accompanied by the rich voice of the evening's host Michael Schreiner, touchingly reminded us, through the power of interpretative movement of the progressively debilitating effects of AIDS. Mary Howes, accompanied by taped music music from Guerilla Welfare, read from her latest book, Vanity Shades. Through the power of her words and the raw sound of her voice, the poetry she read moved many in the audience to feel as though they were experiencing what she was describing.

However, all was not so sombre at the Club that night. There was Atomic Improv! Their improvization of a Shakespearean turkey tale, which was suggested by the audience, was absolutely hilarious. And then there was Big Miller, with P.J. Perry. Miller's big voice and P.J. Perry's hot saxophone really kicked the cork out of the bottle of the party.

Everyone had a great time – it was a fun party, but with a serious purpose. The hard work and dedication of the producers of the Black and White Party, Donald Michalkow and Jane Achtem, as well as all the others who contributed time and effort, should be noted. It was because of them, and those who showed up and gave their support, that this fundraising event was such as smart success.

Calgary's Network '91 Conference a Success

By Diane McMahon Calgary

"COME OUT COME OUT WHERE EVER YOU ARE" echoed through the Bonavista room of Calgary's Hospitality Inn South.

Over 150 lesbians and gay men roared with enthusiasm as they listened to the talented group of entertainers Friday October fourth, opening of the Network '91 conference.

What was the conference all about? In some participant's words: "It was about a renewed spirit of community, culture and family."; "It was a opportunity to meet new people and network with each other in a safe atmosphere."; "It provided an excellent forum to find out about lesbian—and gay—owned and operated businesses."

This year was so inspiring the committee has already started planning for Connection '92'; the theme: Pride and Prejudice.

The mandate of the conference is "to promote lesbian and gay businesses, support lesbian and gay organizations and individuals and to enhance and develop a positive gay and lesbian identity." The mandate was set this year and will be applied to all future conferences.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS ROUNDUP

AUSTRALIA—The South Sydney City Council voted to support a monument to victims of homophobia that will be erected in Green Park in the gay Darlinghurst neighborhood.

Members of the Gay and Lesbian Holocaust Monument Committee said "The Stonewall Garden" will remember gay victims of homophobic killers down through the ages. (Capital Gay)

BELGIUM—A gay couple awaiting trial at Antwerp's Begijnenstraat Prison was granted conjugal visitation privileges following protests from the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

The couple had been banished to separate cellblocks and denied the right to see each other.

Earlier protests by Belgian gays and some members of Parliament failed to rectify the situation but the prison responded to letters from ILGA which targeted the director, the mayor of Antwerp, the governor of Antwerp province and the Belgian justice minister.

COSTA RICA—Four lesbians started the nation's first gay or lesbian music group in August, reported *Confidencial*, San José's gay newspaper.

El Grupo Claro Oscuro (The Light Dark Group) staged its first concert, for women only, at La Avispa, a gay bar.

A new gay-rights group also has formed. *Grupo Gaypo* will fight for anti-discrimination laws and gay/lesbian self-acceptance, and

plans to make certain (unspecified) demands of the medical and legal establishments, *Confidencial* said.

Confidencial, which is now a year old, has picked up its first non-gay-oriented advertiser. The Florida Store took out a quarter-page ad in the September issue to announce that it has "the latest fashions for everyone.... Say you read this ad in Confidencial and receive a discount on your purchases," the ad urged.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—The glossy color monthly gay magazine SOHO Revue has published issue 10, at 15,000 copies, and is now available at ordinary newsstands and bookstores.

Editors Vaclav Böhm and Alena Hermanska say the magazine has been inundated with letters from readers and has 2,000 subscribers, mostly men.

In response to criticism that the cover of the avowedly "cosexual" publication has featured only good-looking boys wrapped in towels, Böhm said Czechoslovakia is 5 percent gay but only 1 percent lesbian, so the magazine reflects that.

SOHO Revue has taken out ads in mainstream newspapers, without incident, seeking new subscribers. (Reporter)

ENGLAND--Acclaimed
Shakespearean actor and gay
activist Sir Ian McKellen was

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granted an unprecedented, 40minute meeting with Prime Minister John Major Sept. 24.

McKellen urged Major to work to reform sexual-offenses laws, equalize the age of consent for gay-male and heterosexual sex, pass nationwide anti-discrimination legislation, and end the armed forces' policy of imprisoning and expelling gays and lesbians.

"I was...encouraged by his level of concern and understanding," McKellen said afterward. "I hope our discussion has given him practical ideas for action."

According to *The Independent*, the meeting "underlined the change in attitudes towards homosexuality within the government since John Major became Prime Minister."

Major has said he supports dropping the age for legal gay—male sex to 18 from 21. Heterosexual and lesbian sex is legal at 16.

ENGLAND—Members of the direct—action group OutRage took

over the London tube (subway) last month dressed as nuns, leathermen and other camp characters.

More than 100 people spent the day riding the Jubilee, Metropolitan, Northern, Picadilly and Victoria lines. They leafletted, stickered, kissed, and put up alternative advertising posters.

The action ended with a rally at the London Transport Museum to demand "queer visibility and safety" on the Underground.

ENGLAND—The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence travelled to filmmaker Derek Jarman's home in Kent in late September to canonize him for his services to the gay community—"and because he has a sexy nose," reported *The Pink Paper* and *Capital Gay*.

The gay-male "nuns" conducted a laying on of hands, crowned Jarman with a halo of celluloid film, and gifted him with a necklace made of cock rings and penis photos clipped from magazines.

After the canonization, St. Derek of Dungeness held a mass-

blessing on the beach overlooked by Dungeness Power Station.

The Sisters—whose order was founded in San Francisco—are dedicated to expiating homosexual guilt and replacing it with universal joy.

ENGLAND—ACT UP/London picketed the headquarters of AZT—maker Wellcome in late September demanding that the company publish all known data on AZT's side effects.

The group charged that the drug kills healthy cells, causes cancer and anemia, and destroys bone marrow, even as it slows HIV replication.

HIV-positives should have full information so they can make an informed choice about whether to take the AZT, the protestors said.

ENGLAND—The British Broadcasting Corporation will make history Nov. 16 when BBC—TV—2 turns over the whole evening to gay/lesbian programmers.



The 4 1/2 hours will feature profiles of gay/lesbian filmmakers, gay rock 'n' roll, and interviews with leading homophobes, among other diverse offerings.

"The BBC is established to serve the wide range of interests of the British license-holding public," said network spokesman Andrew Skinner. "It is our job."

The 'Beeb' spent \$765,000 on the project.

ENGLAND—The Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association overwhelmingly rejected the word "queer" at its September annual meeting in London, reported [ITALIC 2]Capital Gay.

"'Queer' has long been used by our enemies..., together with many other pejorative words, like 'pansy' and 'poofter,' and its use by lesbians and gay men themselves plays into [our enemies'] hands," the group resolved.

"It is a repulsive and wholly negative word. Its use is irrational and self-oppressive and risks dividing the lesbian and gay community."

'Queer' has been popularized in the UK by the direct-action group OutRage, which is patterned after Queer Nation.

JAPAN—Following 17 years of lobbying from gays, Amnesty International reached consensus Sept. 7 in favor of adopting jailed gays and lesbians as "prisoners of conscience."

At its International Council Meeting, held in Yokohama, the esteemed human-rights organization said gays/lesbians jailed for their sexual identity and those imprisoned for violation of sodomy laws will be assisted.

Gay activists hailed the move, which had been blocked for years

by Arab and Third World Amnesty sections.

JAPAN--Government censors use computers to remove genitals from movies and TV programs, says Australia's *Outrage*.

"The rest of the picture is perfectly focussed [but] the bits which everyone has paid to see are reduced to gyrating squares of colour," *Outrage* explained.

When American gay porn films with their signature close ups "of what's going in and who's going down" are shown in a kinky Japanese kinohaus, Outrage said, "the entire screen can be seen a-jiggle, like a test pattern gone berserk."

In one video, *Belly of an Architect*, a scene of a wall on which hangs a photocopy of a photograph of a nude statue is scrambled.

"This censorship of a representation four times removed: marble to photograph to xerox to video, of something that was not in the first place the Real McCoy..., illustrates Japan's delight in thoroughness," *Outrage* commented.

Japanese filmmakers have discovered that the censors allow depictions of penises encased in black condoms, so this is very popular in indigenous porn.

KENYA—Kenyatta Hospital in Nairobi sells AIDS—free certificates without running HIV tests, says Holland's *De Gay Krant*.

Cost: \$34.

A correspondent for the newspaper received a certification of HIV-negativity in about 15 minutes.

It was signed by "Dr. S. Kahn," and stated that a "stool analysis," "urinary analysis," and an HIV "ELISA test" had been run.

All were "negative."

De Gay Krant said the certificates are valuable to people who wish to become foreign laborers or visit the U.S.--where HIV-positive visitors and immigrants are banned.

MALAYSIA—Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Datuk Megat Junid Ayob announced that 100 prisoners with AIDS will be relocated to a new prison for HIV—positives.

Ayob said the move is necessary to halt the spread of the virus.

There are believed to be 1,000 HIV-positives in Malaysia, with an annual death rate of around 25, according to UPI.

NETHERLANDS—Next

summer's cancelled Eighth International Conference on AIDS has been revived and moved to Amsterdam, scheduled for July 19–24.

The huge annual gathering was planned for Boston but was scrapped in August by its sponsor, the Harvard AIDS Institute, to protest U.S. immigration restrictions on HIV-positive visitors and the ban on HIV-positive immigrants.

NETHERLANDS—A 24-year—old Russian gay man slit his wrists at the Amsterdam airport as authorities prepared to ship him back to the USSR after immigration officials denied his request for asylum.

"Victor" was given 17 stitches and jailed.

There are five other Russian gay men seeking asylum in the Netherlands. Dutch gay groups encouraged them to come to Holland after several members of



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Parliament said officials would look favorably on such requests.

Russian Penal Code Article 121.1 calls for five years' imprisonment for the crime of gay lovemaking—and it sees frequent enforcement.

Holland recently granted asylum to two gays from Romania. (De Gay Krant)

NETHERLANDS--The Ministry

of Education has distributed gaypositive sex-education guidelines to school teachers. The material was written by a coalition of leading gay groups. (*De Gay Krant*)

NETHERLANDS—The City of Amsterdam has joined the International Lesbian and Gay Association, following in the footsteps of The Hague and Rotterdam.

The application was handed to ILGA Co-secretary General John Clark Sept. 14 by Amsterdam Elderman J.B. Saris during a boat trip the city arranged for the ILGA Secretariats' Committee.

NORTHERN IRELAND—About 130 people turned out for Belfast's first gay—pride celebration this summer, according to the local gay press, which is published quarterly.

"Along the Avenue we traipsed and—like the kilties—marched around the City Hall, up Bedford Street, Dublin Road, Shaftesbury Square and Botanic Avenue," reported *Upstart*.

"A small opposition of 20–30 elderly people from the Free Presbyterian [church] did protest our march, and even attempted to overshadow it with large Scriptural placards, while walking alongside us on the footpath [sidewalk]. They had largely given up by the time we got to the City Hall.

"Gay Pride Week is here to stay—and maybe one day we will not need to celebrate our 'freedom' in inverted commas [quotation marks], because we will be free!" the magazine opined.

NORWAY—A new survey by the University of Trondheim found a small increase in acceptance of homosexuality since 1982, says the Oslo gay monthly *Blikk*.

Rated on a scale where 1 is unacceptable and 10 completely acceptable, gays and lesbians rose to a 4.2, up from a 3.5.

NORWAY—Oslo gays are up—in—arms over the popular new book *The Death of Lust* by well—known, gay historian Nils Johan Ringdal.

Doc & Raider

By Sean Martin



It was supposed to be a decorative rip at the knee, but, all of a sudden, I started really getting into it... The critics say straight people and the media now think all gay men lived in the S/M fast lane before AIDS.

Ringdal reported that urban gay life of the 70s and early 80s represented the zenith of a philosophy of self-indulgence and sex obsession that was doomed to result in something like AIDS.

In making his point, he dwelled extensively on the notorious Mineshaft, a now-closed Manhattan sex club for the heavy-leather set. Such activities as 'water sports,' 'fisting' and all-night orgies were the status quo at the club.

But never in Oslo, argue the city's gay men, who are tired of reading about it all in their morning newspapers.

Ringdal also explores less kinky gay life in such locales as the Canary Islands, the Pacific Islands and the Philippines.

SOUTH AFRICA—The gay community recently learned that Andrew Holleran's 1979 novel Dancer from the Dance is still banned by the Publications Control Board.

The ban was discovered when a bookseller placed an overseas order for several hundred copies of the novel.

The book has been resubmitted to authorities for

consideration by 1991 standards.

"The book might have shocked readers in the 70s," wrote the gay newspaper *Exit*, "but the sexual content is acceptable...today."

SPAIN—Film and pop—music star Miguel Bose came out of the closet in response to direct media inquiries about his sexual orientation.

The 35-year-old actor and singer said he has lived for some years with his 25-year-old lover, Nacko James.

Bose will play a transvestite in gay Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar's next movie. (De Gay Krant)

TURKEY—Amnesty International says it is interested in the case of Ramazan Demir (a.k.a. Demet), a transvestite—prostitute activist who is languishing in jail after being tortured, beaten and raped by Istanbul police, reports Capital Gay.

A former journalist, Demir has become a prominent figure in a new campaign by transvestite prostitutes to highlight their mistreatment by police, the newspaper said.

Police in Istanbul's Cihangir district routinely drag the men into the streets by their hair, beat them with plastic hose and, if they're

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USSR--There are 665 known HIV-positives in the Soviet Union (pre-coup borders), but the woman who keeps the data admits the figure is inaccurate--by a factor of 10--and that a crisis looms.

Soviet citizens, gay and straight, do not use condoms, the country has an IV-drug-use problem, and infection-control procedures in hospitals are not up to Western standards.

"The use of condoms is not at all common between gay and bisexual men," said Irina Eramova of the All Union Anti-AIDS Center. "Fifty-nine percent of them have never used a condom in their contact with men."

The figure comes from surveys of men identified via contact-tracing of HIV-positives.

Russian AIDS statistics reveal no difference in risk level for tops and bottoms in anal intercourse. In the West, bottoms seem to be at greater risk.

Sucking and rimming seem to be safe, Eramova said. This seems to be the case in the West too.

USSR--Russian and American gay activists have formed two AIDS projects to provide desperately needed safe-sex education for Russian gay men.

Fifty-nine percent of Russian gay/bisexual men have never used a condom for male sex. Twelve percent do "half of the time" and the rest do "sometimes," according to surveys of gays identified through contact-tracing of HIV-positives.

Roman Kalinin, founder of the Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union, and Jim Toevs, formerly of the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission,



announced the birth of the Moscow AIDS Project last month.

MAP will stage a conference in Moscow April 24–26 "to train gay men in leading safe–sex workshops and conducting safe–sex education among their peers."

IGLHRC last month announced the birth of Project SPID Limit. "SPID," the acronym for AIDS, is pronounced "speed."

Headed by Kevin Gardner of STOP AIDS/San Francisco, the project plans to distribute condoms and safe-sex literature, talk with men in cruising areas, recruit volunteers, and try to coordinate local AIDS efforts with the work of the 10 or so American organizations that have launched AIDS-related programs in the USSR in the past year.

USSR--American delegates to this summer's groundbreaking gay-pride events [see previous reports] visited the government AIDS hospitals in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Officials at the Moscow facility said patients are treated with a short-term course of AZT when they become ill with an AIDS-related infection. The hospital recently began experimenting with non-stop, low-dose AZT treatment of persons with very low T-4 cell counts. Officials said they are not convinced such treatment is beneficial but are trying it because it is popular in the West.

Some patients are also treated with antibiotics and interferon, an immune stimulator. There is no pentamidine for treatment or prophylaxis of pneumonia, but doctors claim to have had success treating PCP with other drugs.

Visiting activists were allowed to meet with several patients at the Moscow facility—one of whom said he was gay. The patients said they were at the hospital

voluntarily and are allowed to return home and come back at will.

The PWA's said doctors are very good about sharing information on immune-function tests and possible treatments for HIV infection and opportunistic diseases. The patients' primary fears centered on discrimination outside the hospital. They seemed to view themselves almost as lepers, and said no one ever comes to visit them.

The meeting ended with both the patients and the Americans in tears.

ZIMBABWE—The manager of the Amenities Department in the capital of Harare said in September that the city's four cemeteries are about full and officials are considering requiring that persons who die of AIDS be cremated, reported the ZIANA national news agency.

The Ministry of Health estimates that 18,000 Zimbabweans have AIDS and one million—10 percent of the population—are HIV—positive.

Also in September, John Viljoen, spokesman for an undertakers' group, told ZIANA that the demand for coffins is going to severely strain the nation's timber industry. (*Deutsch Press-Agentur*)

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CALIFORNIA GAY-RIGHTS VETO SPARKS MONTH OF PROTEST

Riot causes \$250,000 damage to state building

By Rex Wockner

California Governor Pete Wilson Sept. 29 vetoed the gayrights bill passed by the legislature, saying it would be bad for business and arguing that gays and lesbians are already protected from discrimination by existing laws.

In response, 8,000 protestors rioted at the State Office Building in San Francisco and thousands took to the streets of Los Angeles and West Hollywood. Large-scale demonstrations continued for three weeks in both cities. On Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day, thousands descended on the state Capitol in Sacramento.

Assembly Bill 101 would have banned employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. It passed the Assembly 42–30 and the Senate 25–10.

'Mean-spiritied, gay-bashing bigots'

"My decision...will cause profound disappointment to men

and women of this state whose good will I value and I genuinely regret that," Wilson, a Republican, said in his four-page veto message.

"I regret even more any false comfort that may be derived from it by the tiny minority of mean-spirited, gay-bashing bigots.... The excesses of such bigots strongly tempt me to sign the bill, but their abhorrent conduct cannot be the basis for my decision."

Wilson said he feared enactment of AB101 would lead to a flood of lawsuits that would harm small businesses.

"Over 10,000 such complaints [by other protected classes] are filed each vear with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing," Wilson said. "Up to one quarter may wind up in court, adding substantially to the floodlitigation of which increasingly and importantly California's competitiveness as a place to do business.

"The simple filing of a lawsuit appears as an indictment in the morning newspaper and this is a powerful weapon even in the hands of the well-meaning," he said. "In the hands of the malicious or litigious, it holds the potential for serious abuse."

Wilson said gays and lesbians are presently protected from discrimination at the hands of government by equal-protection provisions of the state constitution and that the state Labor Code bans job discrimination in the private sector.

But Matt Coles, a spokesman for the American Civil Liberties called Union, these "complete nonsense," pointing out that the state Personnel Board recently said it was powerless to prevent discrimination against homosexuals and that a 1986 opinion by former state Attorney General John Van de Kamp that Labor Code discrimination against gays in the private sector has not been adopted by any court.

'Fundies' work overtime

Wilson's office received more than 115,000 calls and letters concerning AB101. Most urged him to veto it, a spokesman said. The opposition was organized by fundamentalist Christian and right-wing Republican groups.

Wilson acted on the measure 16 days before he had to. Administration sources said he wanted to beat the Oct. 1 release of a California Poll on AB101 so that Californians would not think he had been swayed by it.

Poll director Mervyn Field said, after the veto, that the poll had found voters in support of AB101 by a margin of 62 percent to 29 percent (4 percent error margin).

'A victory for bigotry'

AB101 author Assemblyman Terry Friedman called the veto "a victory for bigotry and a cave-in to right-wing extremists and fundamentalist religious fringe groups." He said the Chamber of Commerce and the California Manufacturers Association were neutral on the bill and that "if the businesses in those two [major] organizations believed AB101 would burden them, they would have opposed it."

Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley accused Wilson of "political cowardice" and cited an HRCF poll conducted by Penn and Schoen Associates in April which found that 80 percent of Americans believe "homosexuals should have equal rights for jobs."

Rallies, protests, flying fruit, and a riot

About 200 gays and lesbians rallied in San Francisco's gay Castro neighborhood shortly after

Wilson's veto. "[On gay-pride] day, we collected 40,000 signatures to send to the governor urging him to sign AB101," said activist **Ken McPherson**. "Evidently, we have a governor who can't read."

The next evening, 8,000 protestors rioted at the State Office Building downtown. They smashed every window on the ground floor, set the main entrance on fire, then broke into a second-floor office and tossed computers, chairs and files out the window before torching the room.

A CNN report noted that police standing inside the building "remained remarkably restrained." There were no arrests, but police later said they videotaped the riot and will file charges against lawbreakers who can be identified from the tapes.

The building sustained \$250,000 damage, including the destruction of a stained-glass window valued at \$50,000.

Protest organizers said they will work to put a referendum before voters in the next election that would nullify Wilson's veto.

In Los Angeles, 50 demonstrators marched on the Ronald Reagan State Building the night of the veto, splashing red dye on it and breaking the glass in the front door. Riot police arrested two protestors.

Later, in West Hollywood, several thousand people marched across the city and burned the state flag. The demonstration was led by 60 members of Queer Nation who had been staging an outdoor hunger strike for several days at Crescent Heights and Santa Monica Boulevard, awaiting Wilson's action.

Large-scale protests continued in L.A., San Francisco and elsewhere all month. In one zap, at Stanford University in Palo Alto, south of San Francisco, demonstrators pelted Wilson with eggs, oranges and other food projectiles. Wilson caught one orange, broke into a smile, and hurled it back at the crowd.

National Coming Out Day

On Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day, thousands descended on the state Capitol in Sacramento. They blocked traffic and staged a 'kiss in.'

"When the system has shut down and there is nowhere to go but the streets, the gay and lesbian community will be in the streets," said Torie Osborn, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

"Non-violent but civil disobedience has long been part of the civil-rights struggle in this country," she said.

"Our goal," said Roberta Achtenberg, a lesbian who sits on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, "is to make the governor pay a significant political price for what he has done to us."

Gay West Hollywood City Councillor John Heilman added: "We are not going to go away. We will continue to press on until we have our rights in this state."

West Hollywood gave its employees the day off to participate in the Sacramento protest.

Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts and Wisconsin have enacted gay-rights laws in the last 10 years.

None of those states has experienced a flood-tide of lawsuits—a fact that was pointed out to Wilson by Massachusetts Republican Governor William Weld, who wrote Wilson strongly urging that he sign AB101. ▼

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Concert-goers Dispute Donna Summer Libel Charges

News Analysis by Rex Wockner

Interesting that disco diva Donna Summer is suing New York Magazine for libel for reporting that eight years ago she told concert-goers that gays are sinners and AIDS is a divine ruling.

Announcing her \$30-million lawsuit Oct. 1 in Beverly Hills, Summer asserted: "I did not say it. I do not believe it."

Interesting. In September of 1989, this reporter spent a week trying to determine whether Summer made anti-gay remarks during her 1983 concert tour, and found four concert-goers—who do not know each other and who were at two different concerts—who said they personally heard Summer make the statements.

"I was at one of her last concerts at the Holiday Star Theater in Merrillville, Ind., in the fall of '83," said Chicago artist Michael Kutza. "She was terrific and at the end of the show said, 'If any of you want to talk to me

afterward, I want to tell you about my life.'

"So," Kutza continued, "about 500 people stayed and she came out in her little tux and without her wigs...and started talking about finding Jesus.

"Now," Kutza said, "one little gay guy in front was screaming, 'I love you, Donna,' and she said, 'Are you gay?' and he said, 'Yes,' and she said: 'I can help you change your ways. AIDS is your punishment and you must change your ways.' She said this on stage to 500 people at the Holiday Star Theater," Kutza said.

That's exactly what happened, agrees Chicago architect Dan Earles, who was at the same concert.

"She came out and gave a little speech that was totally inappropriate—about how she'd been saved by God and how homosexuality is a sin," Earles said. "She was real derogatory. I walked out before she was done

talking and haven't listened to her music since."

Village Voice contributor Jim Feldman says he heard Summer make anti-gay comments too, at a summer 1983 concert in Atlantic City, N.J.

"I was assigned by *The Village Voice*...to review the 'She Works Hard for the Money' album and to cover a concert in Atlantic City," Feldman remembered. "At one point she was making some comments about boy-girl couples or something and some gay man raised his hand and she said: 'Oh, not you. After all, God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.'

"Then," Feldman said, "a hush sort of fell over the concert for a moment and then she said, 'Oh, but I love you anyway.'"

Long Island gay journalist Tom Dana was at the Atlantic City concert too. "Yes, I remember the 'Adam and Eve not Adam and Steve' thing," Feldman said. "She said it right there on stage during the concert."

Yet Summer said Oct. 1: "I would never say the things attributed to me in that [New York Magazine] article.... I must act to vindicate my name and to try to lessen the harmful effects that this article has had on me and others.... My faith teaches me to love to the exclusion of no one. I am not here to make judgments on any group of people or persons."

Summer's lawsuit said the article has caused her "shame, mortification and emotional distress" and led some radio stations and dance clubs to ban her new album. In line with the legal requirements for libel of a public figure in the U.S., the lawsuit charged that the article was "false and defamatory" and was published with "reckless disregard for the truth."

Summer and her children have received death threats since the article's publication, Summer's attorney said, and as a result she is too upset to work on taping a video for the new album.

New York Magazine repeated the anti-gay charges against Summer in an eight-sentence blurb reporting that she had decided against including a progay song on her new "Mistaken Identity" album.

The magazine said the song—
"We're Gonna Win" by writer Paul
Jabara—which Summer recorded
in 1984 but never released, was
conceived as an apology to the gay
community.

But Summer said Oct. 1 that the song was recorded "at the beginning of the AIDS benefits [as an] act of good will to show I was willing to help" and is not on the new album solely because it is "seven years old."

She said it had not even been considered for the new album.

Gay activists expressed mixed emotions about Summer's lawsuit—saying it will be unfortunate for everyone if it turns out she is lying but that it is a step forward for the gay movement that a pop—culture figure considers

it libelous for a magazine to report that she is anti-gay.

Some public figures, of course, are proud of their anti-gay opinions.

New York Magazine had no comment on the lawsuit except to say that it has yet to be served with a summons.

WHITNEY HOUSTON POPS UP AT LONDON AIDS MARCH

Pop singer Whitney Houston, who has repeatedly denied media rumors that she is a lesbian, made a surprise appearance at the opening of a large AIDS march in London in mid-September.

The 3,000-strong procession, organized by the Brent HIV Center, dovetailed with the closing of the Fifth International Conference for People with HIV and AIDS.

As marchers prepared to set off from Hyde Park en route to central Trafalgar Square, Houston was unexpectedly introduced by vigil coordinator Vernal Scott, reported Capital Gay, a London weekly.

"I am honored to be asked to open this event," Houston said. "We need to show support to the thousands of people who are living with AIDS but sadly there is stigma attached to the disease.

"It is sweeping away our children, our families, our loved ones. We must continue to find the resources to combat the disease. I thank you. God bless you and take care," she said.

Houston then jumped down to embrace children from the Wembley Youth Choir and was mobbed by photographers, according to the gay press. She made a quick exit, disappointing many ralliers by not singing.

Leading British AIDS activist Simon Watney told the crowd in Hyde Park that: "We are frightened by our imaginations when we are alone [but] together, when we face the realities of this epidemic, we don't need to be frightened. We can be confident in what we can achieve together."

Messages of support were read from Princess Diana, Madonna and Elizabeth Taylor.

During the HIV conference itself, ACT UP zapped British Health Minister Virginia Bottomley and unfurled a banner reading, "Hypocrisy=Death."

Bottomley smiled at first but then darted out of the room when she realized she was being video-taped, observers said.

The protestors also distributed a flyer to conference participants entitled, "Virginia's Record on Human Rights and AIDS."

The rest of the page was blank. —— Rex Wockner

Darrin Stephens and Zelda Gilroy Come Out in L.A.

By Rex Wockner

Two stars of old TV sitcoms came out of the closet on the United States' National Coming Out Day, October 11, by contacting the Associated Press' Los Angeles bureau.

Dick Sargent, 61, who played Darrin Stephens on ABC's "Bewitched" from 1969 – 72 said he approached the wire service to show that gays are normal people.

"To be my age and not be married is kind of a hint," Sargent said

"The whole world contains gays; for us to be ashamed to be gay is probably why the suicide rate of gay and lesbian teens is three times the average for other teenagers."

Actress Sheila James Kuehl, 50, who played Zelda Gilroy on CBS' "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis" from 1959 – 63, also contacted AP.

"In Hollywood, you don't work [if people know you're gay]," Kuehl said. "Even the least suspicion that you might be gay is enough."

Kuehl said TV executives figured her out in 1965 and terminated her career.

On Dobie, I made up boyfriends who lived in New York who couldn't make the cast parties," she told AP.

Kuehl said she hoped producers and networks will come to realize that "talented, funny" people who come out "haven't changed from the last time that you liked them."

Also coming out in L.A. October 11 were 25 school teachers and a school-board member.

They held a press conference to proclaim their homosexuality.

"When someone comes out like this, it's exciting and an affirmation that we are everywhere, at all levels of life and careers," said L.A. School Board member Jeff Horton, 43.

"I hope... it will put to rest the most vicious stereotypes of gays and lesbians — that they are somehow unfit to work with children."

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U.S. Coming Out Day Celebrated by Public Demonstrations

By Rex Wockner

About 50 members of Queer Nation/Chicago, most sporting clothing, jewelry or haircuts that deviated from current societal norms, spent National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11, taunting assumed heterosexual suburbanites.

Positioned in the Loop (downtown) on the Lyric Opera Bridge, which leads to the Northwestern commuter-train station, the queers "flaunted it" for the thousands upon thousand of "breeders" (their word) funneling into the narrow passage during afternoon rush hour.

They pranced, sashayed, camped, shouted, chanted, smooched, simulated sex, and periodically broke into a chorus of Sheena Easton's hit song "Morning Train."

Straight Chicago had never seen anything like it.

Surprisingly, the assumed heterosexuals were either disinterested or merely mildly amused.

Two separate businessmen told the queers to jump into the Chicago River, over which the bridge passes. This reporter heard no other negative comments.

The playful, sometimes—borderline-malicious taunts of the queers brought smiles to many (assumedly) straight faces:

"One in 10 of you is one of us; have a happy National Coming Out Day."

"Wear a trench coat if you're queer."

"My 'gaydar' just went off big time."

"If you're straight and you feel guilty because we don't have civil rights, please feel free to give us money."

"Just raise your hand if you're heterosexual; otherwise you can leave your hand down."

"Hi, I'm a lesbian. Now you can't claim you don't know one anymore."

"If every queer in the world turned pink, you'd be surrounded with them."

"If you've never seen two women kissing before, look to your left. This is an educational time."

"I am a female. She is a female. We are dykes (kissing)."

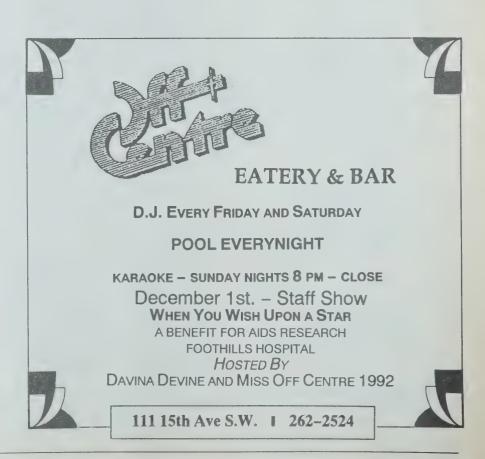
"Tell us your quick little really intelligent queer jokes."

"Please just feel free to gather right around and come out. Come on."

Sari Harris was stationed down the sidewalk a bit at the entrance to Northwestern Station.

"A lot of people almost hurt themselves looking at me [while they were] walking through the door," Harris said.

A good National Coming Day Out was had by all. ▼



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Spanish Soccer Star Feels

Up 'Astonished' Opponent

Teammate: 'This happens every Sunday'

By Rex Wockner

Spanish soccer star José Miguel Gonzàlez is to be suspended for one or two games for repeatedly touching the genitals of an opposing player, according to the Madrid dailies *El Periòdico* and *El Observador*.

The sanction was expected to be imposed by the chief justice of Spain's Competition Committee, José Javier Forcén.

According to *El Periòdico*, during a match between Gonzàlez' team, Real Madrid, and the team Valladolid, Gonzàlez "approached [opposing player Valderrama, who is Colombian,] and touched his genitals in an ostensible and repeated manner, in a clear sign of provocation, to the astonishment of the Colombian."

The sanctions were requested by the president of the Valladolid team, **Gonzalo Gonzalo**, who said: "Michel [Gonzàlez] was looking to provoke Valderrama so he would respond and, with a possible aggression, be expelled from the game.

"I don't understand Michel's attitude," Gonzalo added. "If he likes the other guy, he should go

somewhere else and do it in hiding, not in front of thousands of people."

For his part, Gonzàlez called the incident "a joke that nobody has figured out" and refused further comment.

Teammate **Rafa Gordillo** blamed the brouhaha on the Telemadrid TV station.

"Nothing would have happened if the TV cameras had not captured the image," said Gordillo. "Michel has had bad luck that they caught him doing a thing that happens on the soccer fields every Sunday."

Teammate Manolo Sanchis agreed. "It would be an injustice to sanction Michel because we players are accustomed to making jokes on the field," he said. "We have a lot of friendship after the time that we play soccer."

But Real Madrid coach Antic told *El Periòdico* that Gonzàlez needs to "shape up."

"He needs to understand that attitudes like the one Sunday cannot be repeated because they greatly hurt the team and do not contribute to the good image of the club," Antic said.

Swedish Authorities Raid Gay Clinic

STOCKHOLM — Following receipt of an alarmist letter from a gay, HIV-positive man who AIDS activists call "crazy," local health officials last month raided the city's gay health clinic and confiscated the medical records of

14 leaders in the Swedish AIDS movement.

The letter alleged that the leaders. many of whom work with Stockholm's Body Positive were organization, deliberately infecting other people with HIV via unprotected sex. Under Swedish law, HIV-positives who have unsafe sex or share needles can be quarantined. The law has been used 10 times since 1985, female against prostitutes and IV drug users.

"The fact of the matter is that we have the same laws as in Cuba," said Jon Voss, editor of the Nordic gay newspaper *Reporter*. "It's so fucking sick. We are just shocked about this raid at Venhälsan," the gay clinic.

Stockholm's new ACT UP chapter targeted Dr. Per Lundbergh, director of the infectious-diseases section of the Stockholm county health department, as the man behind the raid.

"He's a big fascist," said Voss.
"He jumped at the opportunity to strike out at the AIDS-activist community. He also has a bone to pick with most AIDS doctors, who refuse to cooperate with the quarantine law by declining to

Lon Vocc editor of Checkholmia Rangutor

Jon Voss, editor of Stockholm's Reporter.

provide names of suspect HIV-positives."

On Oct. 1, ACT UP blockaded the doors of the Swedish AIDS Commission for several hours to publicize Lundbergh's actions. The group called on ACT UP chapters worldwide to protest at Swedish embassies, consulates and corporations.

At press time, Lundbergh was attending a conference in Chicago. He did not respond to messages left at the Best Western Grant Park Hotel.

The letter naming the AIDS activists was written by Stefan Nilsson, a 30-year-old, HIV-positive gay man who has been under psychiatric care for several years, according to Swedish news reports. It was sent to the Ministry

of Social Affairs
AIDS division, which
forwarded it to the
county health
department for
investigation.

In an interview with Reporter, Nilsson failed to provide any proof for his charges, Voss said.

Sweden's first gay MP

In other Swedish

news, Kent Carlsson, an open gay from the Social Democrat party, was elected to the national Parliament Sept. 15.

PHOTO BY REX WOCKNER

Carlsson, whose district is in the Stockholm area, is Sweden's first openly gay MP.

"It's really quite a big deal," Voss noted.

Other countries who have or have had openly gay MPs or congressmen include Canada, England, Ireland, Norway and the U.S.

-- Rex Wockner

Gays Lobby Moscow Human-Rights Conference

By Rex Wockner

Lesbians and gays made a strong showing at the Conference on the Human Dimension of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held in Moscow Sept. 10 to Oct. 4.

But a gay-rights platform authored by the International Lesbian and Gay Association was not put to a vote.

The conference focused on the human-rights aspects of the CSCE. The foreign ministers or other high-ranking officials of 38 European nations were in attendance.

Just prior to the opening of the gathering, Moscow's Association for Gay Equality and Sweden's leading gay/lesbian organization, the National Federation for Sexual Equality (RFSL), staged a parallel conference entitled Human Rights for Gay Men and Lesbians in Europe.

The parallel confab endorsed ILGA's submission to all 38 foreign

ministers, which urged the CHD-CSCE to commit to equal rights for European gays and lesbians and provided proposed language for the conference's final "Moscow Document."

The gay conference also called upon President Mikhail Gorbachev and the USSR Supreme Soviet to release all political prisoners and demanded that Russian President Boris Yeltsin cease enforcement of Russian Penal Code Article 121.1, which punishes gay—male sex acts with five years imprisonment. The delegates urged release of all 121.1 prisoners and demanded that the Russian Parliament abolish the article.

The parallel conference was widely covered in the Soviet media, including on the evening newscast of Soviet TV-2, on Soviet Radio-1, and in the important Moscow daily newspaper Moskovskiy Komsomolets.

ILGA's gay-rights proposal was carried to the 38 delegations by Kurt Krickler of Homosexual Initiative Vienna.

"I talked personally with 25 of the national delegations," Krickler said, "and they were all very positive and favorable toward the proposal, and said they would not stand in the way of its passage. However, they all also declared that they would not be the ones to introduce the proposal to the CHD-CSCE.

"The inclusion of our proposal in the Moscow Document failed because of the fact that no country would introduce it. It leaves you pessimistic."

Among other gay activists present for the CHD-CSCE was openly gay Canadian member of Parliament Svend Robinson, who aggressively lobbied the delegations from Romania and the USSR, two of the European nations that treat gays and lesbians the harshest.

Second Anti-HIV Drug Approved

By Rex Wockner

Canadians and Americans with AIDS who cannot tolerate or are going downhill on the expensive and toxic anti-HIV drug AZT can now take DDI, or didoxyinosine, which was formally approved by Health and Welfare Canada and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Oct. 9.

The governments approved DDI after preliminary studies involving 30,000 PWAs indicated it helps regenerate certain key immune–system white blood cells that are destroyed by HIV and reduces HIV antigens, the core of the virus.

The approval came before the studies determined the long-term effects — detrimental or positive — of taking DDI. Officials said the unusual move was justified because PWAs who cannot tolerate AZT had no other treatment options and many persons with life-threatening illnesses are willing to gamble with the unknowns of new or alternative treatments.

"In the face of the AIDS crisis, FDA believes that use of [preliminary results] is an important tool to speed promising drugs to people who desperately need them," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

DDI is not a cure for AIDS it only slows disease progression — — and it sometimes has severe side effects, including potentially fatal inflammation of the pancreas. However, U.S. and Canadian officials said such inflammation can ordinarily be detected and treatment stopped before the condition becomes life-threatening.

DDI will cost about \$166 U.S. per month at the pharmacy, says its manufacturer, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., which will sell it

wholesale for \$145 for a month's worth of treatment. This is substantially cheaper than AZT, which is the only other approved treatment for HIV. ▼



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Sir Ian McKellen Meets With Prime Minister Major

By Rex Wockner

Lesbians and gay men must always be treated the same as the rest of the population,

said acclaimed Shakespearean actor Sir Ian McKellen, during an unprecedented, 40minute meeting with **British Prime Minister**

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John Major Sept. 24.

McKellen, who is also a founding member of the gay-lobby organization Stonewall Group, had requested the meeting when Major attended one of McKellen's performances at the National Theatre several weeks ago.

Specifically, McKellen urged Major to work to reform sexualoffenses laws, equalize the age of consent for gay-male and heterosexual sex, pass nationwide antidiscrimination legislation, and end the armed forces' policy of imprisoning and expelling gays and lesbians.

"I was impressed and encouraged by the level of concern and understanding shown by John Major in the meeting," McKellen said afterward.

"There is so much which his government could do to establish equality of opportunity for lesbians and gays. I hope that our discussion has given him practical ideas for action."

According to The Independent, a London daily, the meeting "underlined the change in attitudes towards [sic] homosexuality within the government since John Major became Prime Minister."

"Much of the shift in Conservative [Party] attitudes to homosexuality can be credited to Mr. Major, who is believed to be friendly with a number of gay people, many of whom he has met as a result of [his wife] Norma Major's operatic interests," said the report, which was written by gay journalist Neil McKenna.

McKenna speculated that the meeting could lead to a Conservative Party manifesto commitment to allow a free vote on lowering the gay-male age of consent at an early stage in the next Parliament.

Major has already said he supports dropping the age for legal gay-male sex to 18 from 21. Heterosexual and lesbian sex is legal at age 16.

In July, Major announced that homosexuality would no longer be a bar to receiving a government security clearance, given the "changing social attitudes towards [sic] homosexuality in this country and abroad, and the correspondingly greater willingness on the part of homosexuals to be open about their sexuality, their lifestyle and their relationships."

New York City Set To Elect Two Gay City Councilors

By Rex Wockner

Two gay men are set to become New York's first openly gay city councilors Nov. 5.

Openly gay and openly HIVpositive candidate Tom Duane
defeated open lesbian Liz Abzug
59-26 percent in the Democratic
primary Sept. 12 in the heavily
gay, heavily Democratic
Greenwich Village-Chelsea
district.

Because of the small percentage of Republicans in the district, Duane is all but guaranteed to win the general election.

And Antonio Pagan defeated incumbent Miriam Friedlander by 121 votes in Manhattan's heavily Democratic 2nd District, which encompasses the East Village and the Lower East Side.

Pagan is considered less "progressive" than Frielander, a heterosexual, who received the endorsements doled out by gay groups.

Friedlander may demand a court recount of the votes.

The Duane-Abzug race attracted widespread media attention for its pitting a gay man against a lesbian and because Abzug is the daughter of former U.S. congresswoman Bella Abzug.

The attention intensified when Duane held a press conference to announce that he is HIV-positive — a move that was believed to be a first in U.S. politics. (An openly HIV-positive, openly gay candidate was elected to the Rome, Italy, City Council in 1990.)

Abzug and her supporters questioned Duane's motives for

the announcement, wondering if he were seeking sympathy votes.

Duane supporters counterattacked, charging Abzug with coming out as lesbian only in time for the campaign.

This led to another U.S. political first — a "Who's gayer?" contest between candidates.

Duane wins that contest, if the yardstick measures gay activism. Abzug, a state bureaucrat, had not been visible in the local movement, New York activists confirmed.

In 1990, Greenwich Village voters elected an open lesbian, Deborah Glick, to the New York State Assembly in Albany, the state capital.

The district was the site of the 1969 Stonewall Revolt that launched the North American gay/lesbian-rights movement.





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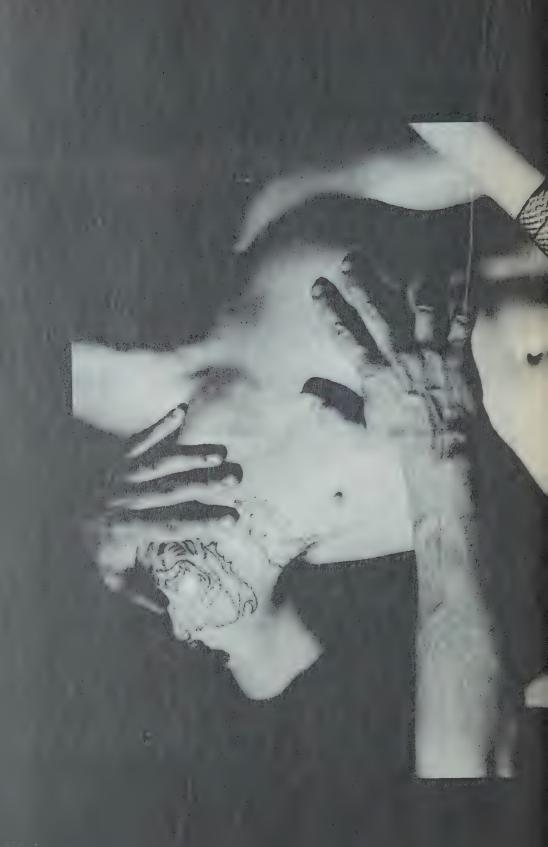
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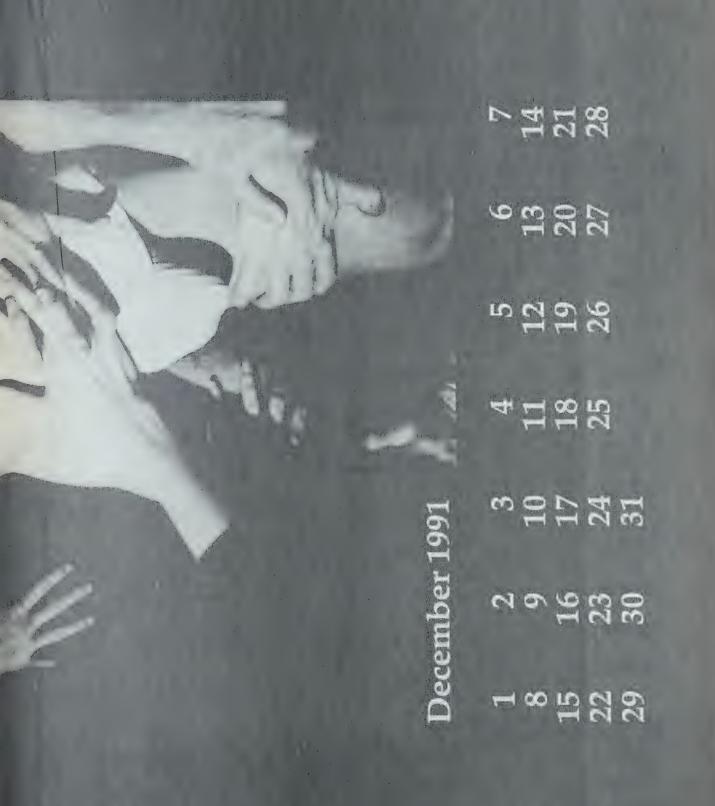
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Community **Events** Calendar

Friday November 1

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE - "Fearless Friday Feminist Feast" Old Y Common Room, 6:30 pm Call 262-1873 for more information.

GALACA – "Black Night" Halloween Dance, Heritage Ranch, Hwy 2, 9 pm

Saturday November 2

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE - "A Practical Legal Guide to Custody" Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, 1 - 4 pm Call 262-

RUMORS/JUST FOR FUN - Dance, Inglewood Community Hall

Sunday November 3

ALBERTA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION -General Meeting, 2 pm at Trax BOYSTOWN - Ty Morgan & Justine Tyme Showtime 11 pm

Friday November 8

DIGNITY – National Special Meeting, November 8 – 10 pm, 282–6592

NORTHERN CHAPS - "Fantasy Weekend Kick Off" Chaps windup, 10 pm Boots & Saddle

Saturday November 9

NORTHERN CHAPS - "A View to a Thrill" A night of leather fantasy at the Roost. "Chaps Let Loose" Reception 7 pm, Cabaret 8 pm, Fantasy Show 9 pm

Sunday November 10

BOYSTOWN/METRO - "Big Top Sasquatch" The Sensational Sasquatch Sisters One Year Anniversary, 11 pm Proceeds to Studio Edmonton

ROOST RUMPUSROOM -- "Boot Polish & Haircut" Fundraiser for AIDS Network of Edmonton, Northern Chaps

Tuesday November 12

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Friday November 15

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Saturday November 16

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Edmonton AIDS NETWORK OF EDMONTON -"Eroticizing Safer Sex Workshop for Men", 12:30 - 5 pm Phone 491-8086 to register

WOMONSPACE - Dance, Bonnyview Community Hall, 8 pm, Call 425-0511

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Sunday November 17

BOYSTOWN - Mr. & Ms. Gay Calgary Show/ Benefit for Clients of AIDS Calgary

November

Monday November 18

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITEE - "Mothers Without Custody", 7:30 – 9:30 pm, W.R. Castell Central Library, Calgary Public Library, 616 MacLeod Trail S.E. Call Karen, 295-3815

Thursday November 21

Edmonton NORTHERN CHAPS - "Chaps Unwind" Pub Night at Boots and Saddle

Friday November 22

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE - "Sisters in the Struggle" Herland – A feminist film & video celebration, 7:30 pm at University of Calgary's Science Theatre 140, Call 262-1863

Saturday November 23

CALGARY STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION COMMITTEE - Herland - A feminist film & video celebration, afternoon and evening screenings at Alberta Vocational College Auditorium, 332 - 6 Ave. S.E. Call 262-1863

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Sunday December 1

OFF-CENTRE - "When You Wish Upon a Star", a benefit for AIDS Research -Foothills Hospital, Staff Show hosted by Davina Devine and Miss Off-Centre

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EDMONTON/FLASHBACK - "A Day Without Art" World AIDS Day, Call 424-4767, 428-9444 or 474-2189 (Kevin Hendricks)

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGERS - "In the Moon of Wintertime" 8 pm, Wesley United Church, 1315 7 St. S.W., Tickets through Chorus and at the door

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APOLLO - Annual General Meeting ALBERTA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION -Country Christmas at Trax

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SATURDAYS

ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS - Track Training 10 am. Call 234-8973

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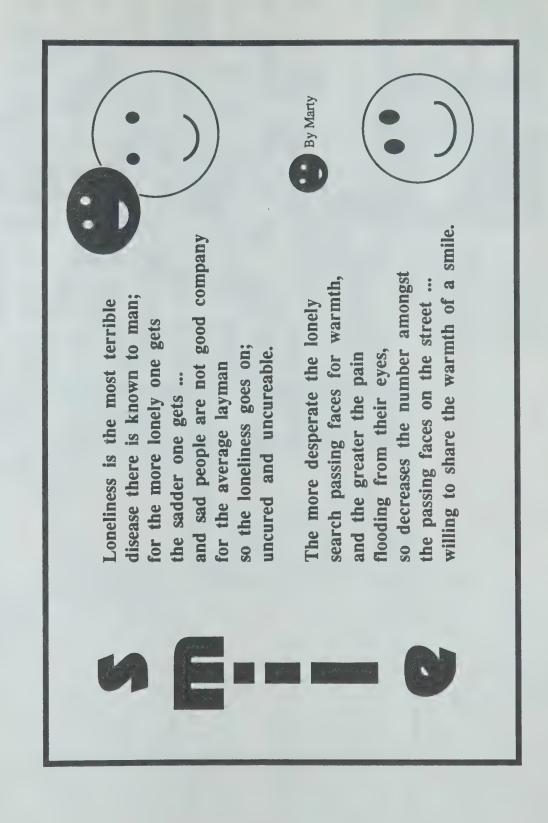
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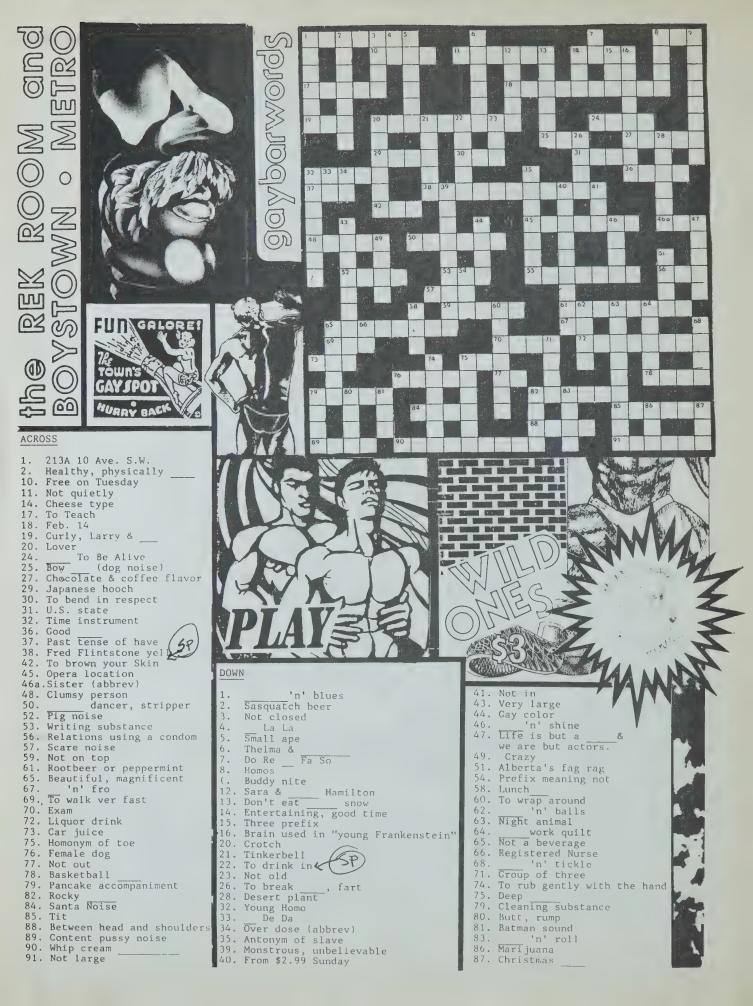
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Edna's Marvellous Adventures

The Queen, the Axe-man, and the Scoundrel

By Edna Herself (that's me)

Many times, I have been asked just exactly how I met that scoundrel, Vivian Schwartski. It all happened one day when Rachel, the cookbook designer my dearest and closest friend, asked me to go off to the Farmers' Market and check out the fruits.

The sun was shining brightly and I was dressed perfectly for the Farmers' Market, wearing just the right thing: one of my favourite sombreros, with a grand series of diamonds swaying around the brim, and a smart little pantsuit imported from Bangladesh.

Rachel toodled up the back lane in a quaint little Japanese import. As she got closer, I could see that there was someone else with her. I tried to escape, but before I knew what had happened, the door opened, Rachel yanked me in and we were off to experience what I now consider to be one of the strangest days of

my life — although while it was happening, it seemed like the worst nightmare of all time.

That beastly little creature, Rachel's niece, was accompanying us. I tried every reason not to go once I determined that she would be tagging, or shall I say dragging, along with us, but Rachel was insistent. We could not just leave the creature at her auntie's home alone and risk the place being torn to shreds. I suggested that we lock her in a dungeon for the day, but this was met with quick disapproval. We were forced, reluctantly, to take her with us. This turned out to be a huge mistake, and I have thought from time to time, since then that she may be responsible for the entire problem that developed with Ms. Schwartski.

Of course, at the time of first meeting the child, I had not realized what a little terror she was; but it didn't take me long to learn.

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"Hello, Ms. Herself, you must be Auntie Rachel's oldest friend." said the precocious little brat.

This was not the best thing she could have said to me on the way to the Farmers' Market, but I responded, pretending not to have heard the obvious insult.

"Yes, sweetie, my dear friend Rachel and I have been friends for not more than a couple of years. What is your name, my precious?"

"Jacqueline, with a Q as in Queen; you may call me that and I will call you Granny".

That was it. An outlook needed to be changed — HERS! I immediately reached into my multi-pocketed uni-purpose Farmers' Market fruit collector for

something with which to beat the child to within a year of the age of the Queen. Fortunately for the beastly child, we reached the market and she hopped out.

I seriously considered absconding with the car but was afraid that I would be unable to control that tiny thing, since I was used to large, 64-foot mobile homes. I was also concerned that I might be spotted in the tin can. This would not improve my posture in the eyes of the public.

Hesitantly, I climbed from the car and commenced the day of terror.

It didn't take long before Rachel ran into Lee Chong and became deeply involved in a zealous conversation about the baking qualities of persimmons, and whether pomegranates make better garnishes than artichoke hearts or anchovies.

Knowing that my phobia for cooking would be kicking in at any moment if I listened to Lee Chong and Rachel much longer, I was forced to make the decision that ended up costing me the 93 cents. I had to choose between my phobia and whether I should drag that beastly terror off to the nearby amusement park. This choice was not an easy one, but it was made

easier when they began discussing in detail the operations of the first blender ever invented.

With just the talk of the blender, my ankles were beginning to pain and I started feeling dizzy. So, I made the fearless decision to take Jacqueline to the amusement park; otherwise I knew that I would break out in an icy cold sweat and this might cause my face to run or crack.

I grabbed the kid by the tight little ringlets located on either side of her head and dragged the pretty, precious, royal wonder off to the cotton candy stand. Thankfully, that kept the beast quiet until she spotted the haunted house with the axe man sentinels. "Well, this might be fun," I thought, and agreed to a ride.

snarled Frankenstein, the ticket taker, and he let us in without question money, lucky for him! The ride was quite dull until we arrived in the fake spider cave. The queen child brat simultaneously quit giggling about how silly the ride was and commenced screaming, so loudly in fact that the frighted dropped from the net and right into buggymobile and onto her Royal Highness' lap.

I couldn't have planned such a sweet revenge; poor little

Jacqueline, poor poor little Jacqueline with a Q for queen. She was screaming in wild terror as she tried to free herself from the giant spider. I couldn't help myself; I was laughing hysterically. "That'll teach you for calling me Granny." I thought. "You little witch."

My fortune changed within seconds, however. Just as we were rounding the next corner, I glanced over my shoulder to notice my beloved diamond-brimmed sombrero and the top two levels of my tri-level bouffant hanging in the giant web. I began to panic, but regained control enough to do something before we came out into the daylight again, knowing exactly how spooky I would look.

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I grabbed the cotton candy and what was left of the spider (the queen was winning the fight), and with a quick zing lodged them in the track before us. This brought our frightmobile to a dead stop and probably everyone else's as well. I leaped out and cornered the axe man with an obscenely large sum of money. Without too much trouble I was soon wearing his suit of horror, so as not to be recognized.

A little embarrassed, wearing nothing but his jockey shorts, he asked to borrow my pantsuit. With trepidation, I was forced to relinquish it until I could return from the stylist, as his hard, muscle-toned body looked anything but frightening. He did, however, looked just ravishing in my smart little pantsuit import. I sent him on a mission to recover my diamond sombrero. He was also to return the Queen Royale to her auntie at the Farmers' Market. I myself was on a mission to the nearest hairstylist, dressed to kill.

I was blindly aware of how few hair places there are surrounding Farmers' Markets; I suppose Hutterites don't have much need for coiffures. The first one I came to was Sisters of the Seven Veils Hair and Veil Boutique. A veil may not be such a bad idea right now, I thought, and marched in, completely out of breath from running so far in a rubber axe man suit. Unfortunately, I terrified the receptionist so badly that the dot dropped off her forehead and I was asked to leave. Maybe the axe man costume was a little severe.

The very next shop was Big Bertha's Beauty Emporium and Tent Awning Company. As I opened the door, something inside me said "No, Edna darling, not this place." but I ignored it, as I was desperate for a solution. That is when I met our dear friend, the world's greatest hairstylist, Ms. -- you guessed it, Vivian Schwartski, the scoundrel. She assured me that she would do a great job, although she had to 'fess up to having never done an axe man before. I removed my mask and she went to work, but due to the fact that there were no mirrors in the place, I was unable to monitor her progress. Within hours, she declared completion. Relieved and nervous, I was about to reaffix my mask when Vivian emphatically stomped her foot and bellowed "No, you'll crush my wonderful work!" The overweight stomp shook the shop but everything remained in place. Perhaps this was the reason for the absence of mirrors.

I explained that I must, if I were to rendezvous with the real axe man, undetected. "In such a case," she

declared, "you need a 90-ounce can of Liquid Steel hair spray." This stuff was guaranteed to withstand typhoons, hurricanes, atomic blasts and, of course, the dreaded mask- crushing test. I again felt that odd twinge warning me "No". I should have heeded, but didn't. So delighted was Vivian to have been able to do Edna Herself's hair that she only charged me the 93 cents for the Liquid Steel. I was on my way, hair intact, mask covering hair, Liquid Steel in bag. Done.

I located the pretty little axe man without to much difficultly. He'd taken the pantsuit too seriously and had his face and nails done before he returned to the his post in the haunted house. Luckily for him the boss didn't fire him, since his new attire was getting more screams than the axe man costume. I think it must have had something to do with the beard, as the rouge was flawless.

In gratitude and in exchange for the pantsuit which he had now become emotionally involved with, he returned my bribe money and my diamond-brimmed sombrero, and also gave me his home phone number (which naturally I never used, but still have).

Knowing that I still had an hour before I had to met Rachel and Ms. Queen Supreme Royale, I went shopping for just the right thing... a spider costume. "Won't Jacqueline, with a Q for queen, be surprised to see me?" I chuckled, as I slinked through the crowds, eight legs and all.

Edna's helpful pointer number 31: There's an axe man in every crowd, so don't be fooled by what he's wearing.

Edna's helpful clues on choosing a hair stylist:

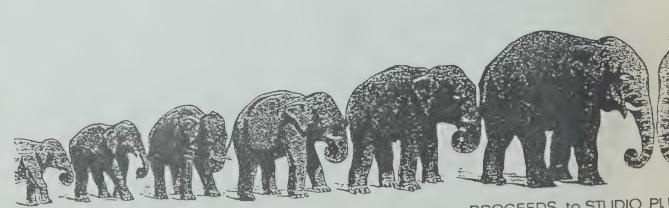
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- d) Don't go to a place if the mirrors are out for repair; there is an obvious reason for this;
- e) Never go to a shop within five blocks of an old folks' home or within ten blocks of an amusement park;
- f) Never trust anyone who picks up the finishing mist before the perm rods are out;
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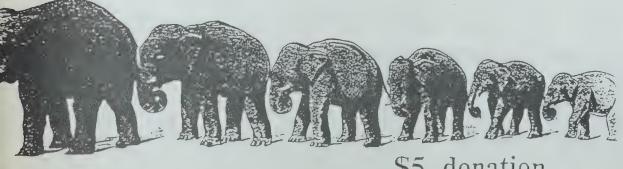
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Of Bad Boys and Tough Tattoos

BAD BOYS AND TOUGH TATTOOS (A Social History of the Tattoo with Gangs, Sailors and Street-Corner Punks, 1950 – 1965) By Samuel M. Steward, Ph.D. Harrington Park Press, 1990

Reviewed by Stephen Lock Calgary

I began reading this book with a degree of anticipation: I was familiar with the writings of Samuel Steward under his pseudonym of Phil Andros, the educated and sensitive stud hustler of Different Strokes, Below the Belt and Other Stories and several other pieces of erotica published in gay male magazines over the years — he is a sort of Tom of Finland in words.

Steward was an English professor teaching at a small church-run university in Chicago in the 1940's after twenty years of teaching at a variety of colleges throughout the Midwest and Western States. He was growing increasingly dissatisfied with the limitations such an environment afforded him. He describes this small university as "a kind of coed religious kindergarten staffed with mediocrities and trumpeting a reputation which was founded more on its basketball team than scholarly aims accomplishments. At best, it was a sort of protective nursing school where parents sent teenagers until they were old enough to go to work." Also, the pay was meager.

He eventually evolved towards the idea of abandoning

the Towers of Academe and taking up the needles of a tattoo artist. This process is never fully detailed in the book, but it occured during the beginning of the 1950's: World War II had created a climate of great change and the Beat Generation of Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac had begun to drum their restless rhythms across the skin of America.

Bad Boys is not so much a study of the sexual motivations behind getting tattooed, or even particularly a "social history" of a certain stratum of American culture in the early years of that decade. While there are elements of both of these, Bad Boys is primarily a memoir of Steward's years as a tattoo artist, of the characters he came to know and live amongst and of the attitudes they projected. During this time he met Alfred Kinsey, the famous sex researcher from Indiana University, who convinced him to maintain a diary and report on might be the sexual motivations behind getting a tattoo. It is upon these notes that Bad Boys is based, yet the sexualness and the maleness of getting a tattoo permeates the entire book. These are the sailors and Marines, the street toughs and the hustlers who populate the pantheon of much gay male erotica.

Bad Boys makes the point that there is a qualitative difference between the tattoo worn by a gay man and the tattoo worn by a heterosexual truckdriver or mechanic. The actual tattoos may, in fact, be quite similar, but the reasons for getting one are often

quite different. Tattoos are a rite of passage not only into manhood and masculinity, but into a social identity. They make a statement about who an individual is and, to a certain degree, about what he is. Having barbed wire encircling one's bicep makes a very different statement from having "Mom" with hearts and flowers cascading down one's forearms.

Steward also mentions that people do one of four things after getting their first tattoo: they either get drunk or get into a fight; get laid; or go home, stand in front of a mirror and masturbate. This was his observation gleaned from predominately questioning heterosexual-identified men over the years. I suspect gay-identified men sexualize the reactions to a new tattoo even more; not because sex is so much more important to us than it is to our straight brothers, but rather because gayidentified men tend to be more in touch with their internal process and their sexuality, and tend not to sublimate the "vague unrest" through fighting or getting drunk. We recognize it as the early stages of sexual arousal and as a result deal with it somewhat more creatively.

For anyone interested in tattoos, turned on by tattoos, thinking of getting one, or fascinated by why anyone would want to in the first place, *Bad Boys and Tough Tattoos* is definitely worth a read; I read it in one sitting. After reading this book, I am considering making an appointment at The Smilin' Buddha as soon as I can decide on my design.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE LAVENDER DOOR

The Emotional Effects of Winter

By Trish Stenson & Anne Taylor

November is upon us. We're not sure what this usually means to you, but for us it feels as though a dark spell is about to come down upon us. The nights get longer, the days get shorter and we get less optimistic about things in general. As it turns out, this isn't some weird quirk unique to us; but rather something that all human types may be prone to. It seems that light is important to our mental health.

Any of you who have lived in the North can probably testify to this fact. The strange depression that results when you shut yourself off from those you love, and with people around you changing personality types seemingly overnight, is a common experience for Northern dwellers. We have referred to it as cabin fever; nothing that a three-week trip to Hawaii won't fix. This may be an expensive remedy, and

perhaps not altogether necessary.

There is a new "disorder" on the market and up for grabs. It is "Seasonal Affective Disorder," or SAD for short. It can create extreme mental health problems, so extreme that a healthy, happy person become so depressed that suicide seems like the only option. The cure seems simple enough. daily dose of full spectrum ultra violet light that you bask in front of for a specific period of time each day, depending on what the doctor orders. If you faithfully follow the doctor's orders, and if you are indeed suffering from SAD, then all the symptoms will disappear. You will soon become your charming self again in no time.

While we have spoken about this issue in a somewhat jovial and light manner, it really is serious business. If you have noticed a pattern of depression that is debilitating and only seems to overcome you in the winter without any provoction, then you might want to ask your family doctor to look into the possibility that you are suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder. Really, there is no need to be SAD; all you have to do is shed a little light on the subject.

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Unfinished Business

By Joey Sayer Calgary

Deadlines. The bane of every writer, artist and creator of any sort. The looming monsters which lurk just ahead of any (hopefully) completed project, viciously growling IT BETTER GET DONE AND DONE RIGHT! while you frantically scramble to put what you hope are the finishing touches on what you once thought might be a masterpiece but now you're not quite sure.

After twenty-three months of handing in *Thank You and Good Afternoon* a half hour before *AGLP* goes to the printer, it's finally happened. My life has suddenly become overly complicated, and I find that I'm not able to write a new column this month. The shame of it all.

But not to worry. While fretting over what I was going to do to fill up the three pages a month that Jim so kindly allots me, I came across a couple *Thank You and Good Afternoon* columns I wrote over a year ago, but which for one reason or another (including length, and, more importantly, having come up with a more pressing topic) I decided not to print.

These columns might be a bit dated, but wotthehell. Rereading them, I've decided that while they might not be quite what I'd write for *Thank You and Good Afternoon* today, they are solid columns in their own right.

And so, without further ado...

What I Wanna Be When I Grow Up

Once upon a time there lived a lady called Eva Péron. I know I told you all about her in the May, 1990 Modern Pink Magazine, but please bear with me 'cause I'm only using her to make a quick point. Anyways, Eva was a bigwig in a foreign country that was really, really rich when she started being in charge of it. When she died a little while later, it was really, really poor. Eva spent all the riches, you see, and in the end, she didn't have anything to show for it.

People are kinda like that. When we were kids, we lived in a world that was chock fulla wonderful things and we were always exploring something new and we believed in magic, although we didn't always admit it. And then something horrible happened. We grew up. All of our riches were somehow lost, and although most of us didn't realize it, we were all of a sudden really, really poor.

Kids have a special Power that they all-too-often lose when they grow up into adult-human-being-members-of-the-rat-race. It is a magnificent ability that can turn molehills into mountains and let you bend steel in your bare hands. This incredible Power can be boiled down into three basic ingredients: Imagination, Belief and Naïvety. These ingredients are, while interrelated, nontheless distinct, and when

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any of these three ingredients is missing, the result is a loss in the special Power as a whole. Sadly, almost never do all three ingredients appear at the same time in the hearts and minds of "grown-ups". And memory is too short, too muddled, too selective and much too biased to remind us of the time when we adults once possessed the Power.

Kids live in a wonderworld of their own where the Power is omnipotent. As real to them as the world of rent payments and rubber cheques and failed

relationships and going to work is to us.

A world in which, when one kid yells "Let's pretend..." the pretend becomes reality for all the kids involved. A world where a scrawny seven year old can become Al Capone, or a Mutant Turtle, or Batman, or an Orangutang, or a Grinch, or an Astronaut or a Shoelace. A world where Dragons and Wizards and Mermaids and Unicorns really do live, and where there really are monsters under your bed ready to claw your heart out and Boogie Monsters and Tooth Fairies and Santa Claus. (It's true! I have the quarters from under my pillow and the Christmas presents to prove it. And I did see a book that has real, live pictures of Unicorns in it, honest! I gave it to my friend Steve for Christmas one year, so just ask him to see it if you don't believe me.)

And it's the Power that makes it all possible.

And us poor grown-ups can't share in all this because we don't have the Belief.

And we can't picture the monster that hides behind the oak tree on the end of the block because we don't have the Imagination.

And we don't have the Naïvety to realize that it's the Tooth Fairy that put the quarter under our pillow, not Mom and Dad.

A while ago, I was having dinner with a Significant Other, and I happened to overhear a conversation at a table near to us. A little girl was explaining to her mother all that was happening in this book she was reading; about the Unicorn and the King and the Ape and the Donkey and the Children from another world. The excitement in her voice was genuine; all that she told her mother was very real to her.

, I read that book when I was her age (and I've read it regularly since), and hearing her description — her reporting, actually — brought me back to a time when I really had the Power, and not just a foggy recollection of it.

Then I look at my current concerns and preoccupations, and I realized how poor I had become.

A wise man named C.S. Lewis once told a group of interested people (and I'm paraphrasing here,

because I can't seem to locate the exact quote): "When I was about ten, I stopped reading fairy stories, for fear of being ridiculed. Now that I'm fifty, I read fairy stories openly. When I grew up I put my childish fears behind me, including the fear of being ridiculed for reading something I enjoy."

Mr. Lewis had the wisdom to grow up to be a child, open to Imagination and Belief and Naïvety.

That's what I want to be when I grow up.

Adventures in Ear Piercing

"I'm thinking of getting my ear pierced." said my "friend", Steve, and I use the term "friend" loosely;

please note the use of quotation marks.

"Go for it." replied the unsuspecting columnist, still absorbed in whatever it was he was doing at the moment, not really paying too much attention to the "friend".

"Tell you what," continued Steve, "If you do it, I'll do it."

"Urk."

Actually, I'd been thinking about getting an ear pierced for about the last six months or so, but had never quite gotten around to doing so, and I hadn't quite managed to convince myself that this was a

particularly wise thing to do.

This is despite outside pressures to get it done. One girl I know had been trying to convince me for the better part of six years that piercing my ear would be second only to discovering a cure for cancer. But then again, another friend of mine has been trying to tell me same thing regarding the piercing of my nipples.

Ouch.

Anyways, permanently mutilating my body had been on my mind for the last little while, so when Steve made the "You do it, I'll do it" offer, your friendly neighbourhood columnist said "Sure."

No one ever accused me of being particularly

intelligent.

Okay, I realize that ear piercing is old hat to most of the readers of this magazine. There is no social stigma for a woman in having her ears pierced — most of them have probably been wearing earrings since shortly after graduating foetus status: a result of the same gender-oriented societal beautification complex that forced ancient oriental women into size

two sneakers and which makes modern Canadian women run around in furless legs. Gay men have been piercing their ears — sometimes the left, sometimes the right, sometimes both and sometimes many times over — for years (decades?) now. I'll leave the reasons for doing so as the subject for a future column. The point is that ear piercing is nothing new to most people.

(As a brief aside, ear piercing goes way back — at least to the fourth century B.C. Also, until fairly recently in the western world, earrings were considered a pretty much unisex decoration. And piercing was certainly not just limited to the ears. Remind me someday to tell you about some of the more exotic piercing rituals of the Turadjas and the Sadangs; it's amazing what you can find in the Encyclopædia Britannica under "Body Modifications and Mutilations"... but I digress.)

Be all of this as it may, I was still sort of hesitant about getting my ear pierced. After all, there are still a healthy number of folks out there who, upon seeing you with you newly pierced ear, will immediately brand you a "faggot". And while this most certainly is true, and although the number of people not familiar with this fact could probably be counted on one hand, I had no particular wish to advertise this knowledge to all and sundry.

But hell, if this relatively unweird "friend" of mine could get his pierced...

The following morning, Steve called me up and asked me if I still wanted to go through with it. "Through with what?" I asked, playing dumb, but to no avail. Withing the hour I found myself at the cosmetics counter of Pinder's Drugs, choosing a stud to adorn my earlobe. The only ones available came in twos, and were birthstones. The October stone (my month) was a brilliant pink, and a little inappropriate, thank you very much. The April stone (Steve's month) was non-existant. As a result, after a little comparison shopping, we settled on February.

My "friend" Steve forced me to go first. (Thanks, Pal. Maybe you readers are beginning to understand why the term "friend" is graced with quotation marks.)

Perhaps it was merely my imagination, but the guy brandishing the piercing gun was, I swear, trying

to hide a maniacal smile as he fit the stud into his instrument of torture. He then picked up a bright, purple pen to mark my ear and, positioning a mirror in front of the orifice, asked me where I wanted the hole. Jeesh, I didn't know, so I decided to dazzle him with my witty reparté: "Jeesh, I don't know."

The Mad Piercer proved to be quite amiable, actually. "You realize," he chatted on while marking a brilliant purple bullseye on my all—too vunerable lobe and raising the gun to its target, "This is only the second time I've done this — without supervision, of course."

Whatever happened to bedside (stoolside?) manners?

I whimpered, and promised God that I'd be good from now on and give regularly to charity and adopt a starving child in a third world nation and stop pissing people off in my *Thank You and Good Afternoon* column

and...

"Hold this to your ear." he said, handing me a small, antiseptic pad. I did so, and discovered that the stud was now somehow, miraculously, painlessly, a part of my ear. That wasn't that bad after all! I turned to Steve, and for his benefit began to moan and groan in sheer, unadulterated agony.

Anyhow, that's the story of how I finally got around to getting my ear pierced, abridged though

it is. I'm sure you'll all want to share it with your grandchildren in years to come.

As for my "friend", Steve, I guess I probably haven't treated him very fairly throughout this column. I'll take the quotation marks off now. I'm just upset that he looks better with a pierced ear than I do.

That's all for this month. I'll be back with something new in December: my annual review of the past year... maybe. Or maybe I'll talk about the Canadian Armed Forces allowing us into their ranks. Maybe I'll do both, and even more still. Who knows? I guess we'll find out next month.

Until then, THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON, -- Joey. ▼

The following morning,
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asked me if I still wanted
to go through with it.
"Through with what?" I
asked, playing dumb...

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Dearest Glen,

Get the name straight, by the way, who did your hair?

Craig.

Boyishly handsome but shy GWM with philosophical bent and corny sense of humor would like to find a big brother/ best friend to share intimacy and experience with. I am slim, dark-haired, mustachioed; I prefer masculine, well-built, straight acting, bighearted men, 20-40. Some religious and musical sensibility would be an asset. Will exchange photos if desired. Reply to AGLP Box 131.

Ty, Banana, ice cream, soda, vanilla extract, whip cream. That's what keeps you fat.

Love Martina.

I just wanted to let all of Calgary know that Twiggy did not mention me in her ball programme.

Signed Bitter Marie.
P.S. Ty, what's your room number

at the Red Deer General? Hope your operation is a success.

Ann & Sherry, GALACA needs a last name for general delivery. Please write again.

Gay male to share townhouse rent \$300/month, D/D \$150, all amen, W/D, DW, etc. Available immed. Call Lee at 242–5437.

GWM would like to meet someone with glasses or red hair. Send photo to AGLP Box 128.

Sharon the bartendress snores like a rutting pig.

GWF, Eariy 30's, seeks a mature, honest, no games friendship, with the possibility of a meaningful, long-term relationship. Perhaps you are fun-loving, have a sense of humour, like quiet, romantic times with no one else around, have a creative bone or two. An imagination is great too, or even characteristics of periodic "couchpotatoism". If so, then maybe we should get together and talk about it. All replies will be answered in confidence. I look forward to hearing from you. AGLP Box 145.

Male couple accepting applications for houseboy/ caretaker. Duties and responsibilities will be adjusted to full or part time position. Applicant must understand "boy" role in a leather lifestyle and submit a resume complete with photo for interview. Reply to AGLP Box 132.

Are the any women interested in forming a leather group in the Calgary area? Please reply to AGLP Box 144.

GWM, fit, 29, attractive, straightappearing. I am sincere, romantic and emotionally secure. I enjoy philosophy, dancing, music, camping, motorbiking and travel. I'm looking for a tall, masculine man with similar interests. Must be a good communicator, have a of humour and comfortable with affection. believe in long term relationships and am willing to work at one. I enjoy going out as much as quiet evenings at home. Please write and give us the chance to meet and go from there. AGLP Box 143.

Edmonton GWM, 25 years, 5'9", 150 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, athletic and in shape. Looks and acts straight, seeks similar male who is honest and sincere with a great sense of humour and a flair for adventure. Looks and intelligence certainly count, but easy going personality and a zest for life a must. No hang-ups, please. Reply to AGLP Box 126.

GM, Looking for that someone who enjoys dancing, partying and live theatre. Someone who is trendy, exciting and energetic. Someone who is fun. Someone who can be a friend. Let's get together. AGLP Box 140.

GM, 24 yrs, 5'11", 175 lbs, new to

- □ Do you LOVE people -- but don't USE them?
- ☐ Do you USE possessions but don't LOVE them?
- ☐ Do you laugh with others as well as at yourself?
- Are you able to express yourself positively in a caring, sensitive way, but yet you are not afraid to express you REAL EMOTIOMS?
- Do you know what you want in life and what you expect from others?
- ☐ Are you the kind of person who expects to REAP what he SOWS, especially in a relationship or friendship?
- □ Do you treat others the way you want to be treated?
- Are you looking for quality, and not quantity like the Bar scene offers?
- Do you find it difficult to meet people in the Bars because of the air of desperation of which you detest?
- ☐ Are you tired of all the games in the scene and you are looking for honesty and straight forward truth?
- Are you masculine and confident with your sexuality without proving it in leather?
- ☐ Do you know what commitment is?

If you answered YES to the above questions, then this masculine, slim, non-smoking white male, 31, is wanting to hear from you. I enjoy quiet times shared with someone special. Long walks, intelligent conversation (beyond today's weather or what's your sign?), movies, dancing, music, weekend getaways, business and how it relates to our economy and day to day lives. I'm looking for another male between 18 – 32 with similar attributes, who is adventurous and youthful (your good looks are a plus) and a personality is definitely an asset. Don't be shy; write me a description about yourself. If you are still closeted and cautious, I am understanding and helpful. Having experienced a lot out of life, I have a lot to offer to the right person. Could you be the MR. RIGHT whom I am seeking? Photo appreciated. Respond to AGLP Box 137.

Calgary. Looking for friendly, handsome and hot & sexy GWM for friendship and maybe relationship if you have a nice body. Please reply to AGLP Box 147.

GM, 24 yrs, looking for gay female or male between 20–30 yrs for short time financial marriage. If you are interested, please reply before Dec. 15, 1991 to **AGLP Box 142**.

Attractive GWM, 5'11", 150 lbs, 30 years old, dark brown hair & moustache with hazel eyes. I'm a conservative, sincere, intelligent, straight-acting male who is fairly new to the gay scene. I enjoy bike riding, wide variety of music, movies, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings & art, not necessarily in that order. I'd like to meet someone with similar interests to develop a solid friendship with and who knows! Reply with photo, if possible, and phone number or address to AGLP Box 130.

GWF, Early 30's, looking for friendship & possible long term relationship. If you're creative, funloving, aspire to quiet, romantic evenings & a healthy outlook on life, then let's get together. Respond in confidence to AGLP Box 125.

18 year-old, tall, blond, skinny, queer bass player seeks other seditious, queer, teen Edmontonian musicians to form band. Gender not important. Drummer needed BADLY. No experience necessary. I write my own material, and am open to a variety of musical styles and innovations. I am not, however, into doing a messload of "cover tunes". Those interested should write me at my P.O. Box, Box 48059, St. Albert, AB, T8N 5V9.

Gary: You really are tight in my dreams.

Love ya, Paul.

Gary: You know it must be a dream because anything used that much can't be tight in reality.

Za: How many times do I have to say it? I'm sorry! I'm sorry!

Kootenays GWM, 33 yrs, 5'7", 155 lbs, healthy, solvent and balanced, seeks similarly sincere, sensual, affectionate guy to share this otherwise wonderful life. If you are HIV neg., drug and alcohol free and would like to explore the possibility of a mutually supportive friendship/ relationship to last into the next millenium rather than next week, then drop a line, telephone no. and/or picture to AGLP Box 127.

GAM, 30, seeking friends 25–35. Dislikes bars, not to thrilled about anything with a "psycho/socio-" element but enjoy most other activities. Hopefully you are intelligent but not insufferably so, fun but capable of being serious. Please reply with phone number and, if for some reason you are not adverse to sending pictures to complete strangers, photo. AGLP Box 129.

GWM, 27, 6 ft. Black hair, med. brown eyes, slim, 150 lbs. My interests include a variety, such as long quiet walks, cooking and enjoying a romantic dinner with someone, movies long walks, biking, a trip out of the city on a Sunday aft. or a night on the town with friends followed by brunch. I'm always open to new experiences to satisfy my sense of adventure... I am caring, honest, genuine, with a great sense of humour. I enjoy an intelligent conversation as well as being crazy and off the wall. I definately enjoy romance and spontaneity. If you're a guy with honesty and good values, and believe friendship and relationships go hand in hand, as well as trust and playing it safe, then I would like to hear from you. Reply with phone # and photo if possible to AGLP Box 133.

22 year old male seeks similar athletic jocks. I like sexually adventurous guys close to my age who, like me, are athletic and attractive. I enjoy the outdoors, wrestling, massage and conversation. Reply to Box 70021 Bowness Postal Outlet, Calgary, AB, T3B 5K3. Please include your phone number and a photo if available.

ALEX! Where are you? Looking for long lost buddy, nicknamed "Alex" but real name is "Gillies". Moved to Calgary in the late fall of 1987 from Wainwright. Was in the army together there. Speaks both English and French, has moustache, brown eyes but sometimes wears blue contacts. Very straight looking, loves to play pool. Anyone know where he is? Or any info? Reply to AGLP Box 135.

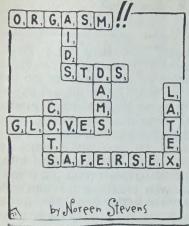
Ty: Need any help lubricating your new doorways?

Z.Z.

Looking for fun, older, recently out lesbian. Looking for others to enjoy things with. No couch potatoes, please. Non-Smoker. AGLP Box 136.

Masculine male in late 20's looking for a similar man for companionship and safe, healthy sex. I'm quiet, so I don't like noisy bars. I like moustaches, but not beards. I'm 6' tall and weigh 210 lbs, so if you're slightly overweight too, then that's okay. My hair is blond and I've been told that my

THE CHOSEN FAMILY













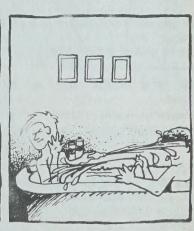


















green eyes are very striking. I enjoy computers, Flames games, movies, cycling, ice skating, oral and anal sex, nudity and massage. I am not a smoker, a drinker or a drug user, nor am I interested in those who are. No fems or drag please (l'm more queens interested in what you do or don't wear under your outer clothes). Your picture and phone number guarantees my response. Take a chance! Two guys don't have to be lonely. AGLP Box 138.

Non-smoking, clean, responsible roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom home in Mayland Heights. All appliances. \$335 per month includes utilities. Call Kevin at 230-3677.

Fun, Fesitivity, SANTA and song: the Rocky Montain Singers seasonal concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 6. Get your tickets now from choir members or phone 242–0081.

Rouge: Get well soon. We all miss you!

Love, Louise.

Ellie is a squid and I am the walrus.

Paul: I'm still flaccid - try harder. Love, Gary

Take life by the balls and take a bite of an apple. A variety of flavours available, and I do mean available.

Ty: It's your turn, or can't you wrap your stubby little fingers around a pen anymore?

Love, Z.Z. del Rocko.

Paul: Dresses, shmesses... Next stop, LINGERIE! Gary.

Crumble: Happy Birthday! And we do mean that from the core of our being. All the best, your sisters, Tart, Turnover and Crab.

If you haven't noticed, R. and A. are having a thing. Shh! It's a secret.

GWM seeks rendezvous with future lover or friend. Who am I? Well, I am not He-Man, a model or a party animal (bars and dances unnerve me -- hence the ad). I am a quiet, bright, articulate professional. I am 38, 5'9", healthy with thinning hair, build like a kid and look about 30. I like golf, bridge, travel, skiing, movies, hiking, etc. What do I seek? A man. One who is a non-smoker, HIV-negative, in somewhat decent

shape (anywhere from Boy to Tarzan) [If you're 21 - 45, my height or taller, and not too furry, even better.] Why answer this ad? For spine tingling chills? Hardly - I'm not into sky diving, drugs, shark fighting or unsafe sex. To be swept off you feet? Nope, the room won't light up when I walk in and I'd probably drop you anyway. So why? Because I can offer: honesty, integrity, a listening heart, quiet wit, commitment and maybe some fun times, good sex and a few annoying faults to round things off. I will run this ad for two months and answer all replies. AGLP Box 139.

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